

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By Chairman Diane Rice, on March 6, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Diane Rice, Chairman (R)
Rep. Dave Gallik, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ron Stoker, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Rick Jore (C)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. John Ward (R)

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 27, SB 40, SB 39, SB 8,
2/28/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:54 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 27,
Revise grandparent grandchild contact law.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:37 Bruce Deitle, Bureau Chief, Child and Family Services,
Department of Health and Human Services, State of
Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:01 Rep. Everett
00:04:43 Sen. Esp
00:05:10 Rep. Koopman
00:07:30 Sen. Esp
00:09:27 Mr. Deitle

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:50 Sen. Esp

HEARING ON SB 40

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:33 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D), SD 47, opened the hearing
on SB 40, Gender neutralize and conform code language
to bill drafting manual.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:19 Greg Petesch, Code Commissioner, State of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:00 Rep. Koopman
00:15:48 Mr. Petesch
00:17:14 Rep. Everett
00:17:27 Mr. Petesch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:59 Sen. Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:30 Sen. Roy Brown (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 39,
Code commissioner bill.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:24 Greg Petesch, Code Commissioner, State of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:04 Rep. Kottel
00:23:45 Mr. Petesch
00:25:43 Rep. Jore

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:24 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:14 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB
8, Independent staff for Board of Land Commissioners.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:34:00 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Land Exchanges, State
Department of Lands

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:52 Sen. Shockley

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:35 A.M.

REP. DIANE RICE, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

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